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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 9 Percent From Last Year

On November 1, 2012, Arizona had 265,000 of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 9 percent from a year ago and down 3 percent from last month. Placements totaled 19,000 head during October, a 13,000 head decrease from last year. During October, 25,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from last year.

On November 1, 2012, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 62,000 head during October, 8,000 head more than a year ago. During October, 54,000 head were marketed, an increase of 5,000 from the previous year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million ead on November 1, 2012. The inventory was 5 percent below November 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.18 million, 13 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.10 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 435,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.84 million, 3 percent above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during October, 20 percent below 2011.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2011-2012

| State   | Number on Feed 1/ |             |        |                |             | Number Placed on Feed |       |                   | Number Marketed   |       |                   | Other Disappearance |      |                   |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
|         | Nov 1, 2012       |             |        |                |             | During October        |       |                   | During October    |       |                   | During October 2/   |      |                   |
|         | Nov 1, 2011       | Oct 1, 2012 | Number | as % of 2011   | as % of Oct | 2011                  | 2012  | 2012 as % of 2011 | 2011              | 2012  | 2012 as % of 2011 | 2011                | 2012 | 2012 as % of 2011 |
|         | <i>1,000 Head</i> |             |        | <i>Percent</i> |             | <i>1,000 Head</i>     |       |                   | <i>1,000 Head</i> |       |                   | <i>1,000 Head</i>   |      |                   |
| AZ      | 292               | 272         | 265    | 91             | 97          | 32                    | 19    | 59                | 19                | 25    | 132               | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| CA      | 490               | 475         | 480    | 98             | 101         | 54                    | 62    | 115               | 49                | 54    | 110               | 5                   | 3    | 60                |
| CO      | 1,140             | 1,000       | 1,030  | 90             | 103         | 230                   | 195   | 85                | 155               | 160   | 103               | 5                   | 5    | 100               |
| ID      | 225               | 230         | 240    | 107            | 104         | 55                    | 55    | 100               | 48                | 44    | 92                | 2                   | 1    | 50                |
| IA      | 570               | 590         | 590    | 104            | 100         | 137                   | 146   | 107               | 115               | 143   | 124               | 2                   | 3    | 150               |
| KS      | 2,400             | 2,230       | 2,220  | 93             | 100         | 440                   | 380   | 86                | 340               | 365   | 107               | 20                  | 25   | 125               |
| NE      | 2,470             | 2,330       | 2,480  | 100            | 106         | 665                   | 590   | 89                | 390               | 425   | 109               | 15                  | 15   | 100               |
| OK      | 390               | 335         | 345    | 88             | 103         | 86                    | 65    | 76                | 63                | 54    | 86                | 3                   | 1    | 33                |
| SD      | 240               | 195         | 220    | 92             | 113         | 75                    | 71    | 95                | 39                | 45    | 115               | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| TX      | 3,000             | 2,680       | 2,670  | 89             | 100         | 560                   | 450   | 80                | 465               | 440   | 95                | 35                  | 20   | 57                |
| WA      | 226               | 213         | 248    | 110            | 116         | 59                    | 74    | 125               | 40                | 38    | 95                | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| Oth Sts | 446               | 439         | 466    | 104            | 106         | 99                    | 73    | 74                | 64                | 44    | 69                | 8                   | 2    | 25                |
| US      | 11,889            | 10,989      | 11,254 | 95             | 102         | 2,492                 | 2,180 | 87                | 1,787             | 1,837 | 103               | 98                  | 78   | 80                |

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## All-Time Monthly Record High Pork Production in October

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.58 billion pounds in October, up 7 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2011.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 3 percent from October 2011. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, up slightly from October 2011. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 242 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.86 million head, up 10

percent from October 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 21 percent from October 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,100 head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January to October 2012 commercial red meat production was 41.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 6 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

| Class                                | October<br>2011 | September<br>2012 | October<br>2012 | October 2012 as % of 2/ |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      |                 |                   |                 | October<br>2011         | September<br>2012 |
| <u>Arizona 3/<br/>Total Red Meat</u> | Million Pounds  |                   |                 | Percent                 |                   |
|                                      | 33.3            | 27.8              | 32.8            | 98                      | 118               |
| <u>United States</u>                 |                 |                   |                 |                         |                   |
| Beef                                 | 2,215.1         | 2,016.0           | 2,343.7         | 106                     | 116               |
| Veal                                 | 10.6            | 8.8               | 10.3            | 98                      | 117               |
| Pork                                 | 2,033.2         | 1,911.0           | 2,210.4         | 109                     | 116               |
| Lamb and Mutton                      | 11.7            | 12.5              | 14.2            | 121                     | 113               |
| Total Red Meat                       | 4,270.3         | 3,948.4           | 4,578.6         | 107                     | 116               |

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - October 2012 1/

| Species | Arizona            |                   |                     | United States      |                   |                     |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|         | January - October  |                   |                     | January - October  |                   |                     |
|         | Number Slaughtered | Total Live Weight | Average Live Weight | Number Slaughtered | Total Live Weight | Average Live Weight |
|         | 1,000 Head         | 1,000 Pounds      | Pounds              | 1,000 Head         | 1,000 Pounds      | Pounds              |
| Cattle  | <b>448.7</b>       | <b>576,164</b>    | <b>1,286</b>        | 27,623.1           | 35,787,584        | 1,298               |
| Hogs    | <b>1.4</b>         | <b>337,000</b>    | <b>255</b>          | 93,581.6           | 25,687,813        | 275                 |

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

### Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2011-2012 1/

| State              | All Hired Wage Rates    |                         | Hours Worked          |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2011                  | 2012                  |
|                    | <i>Dollars per Hour</i> | <i>Dollars per Hour</i> | <i>Hours per Week</i> | <i>Hours per Week</i> |
| Northern Plains 2/ | 11.97                   | 12.86                   | 42.5                  | 41.6                  |
| Southern Plains 2/ | 10.43                   | 10.81                   | 40.0                  | 38.8                  |
| Mountain I 2/      | 10.55                   | 10.45                   | 45.4                  | 46.4                  |
| Mountain II 2/     | 11.46                   | 11.26                   | 43.0                  | 41.0                  |
| Mountain III 2/    | 10.71                   | 10.52                   | 45.7                  | 47.5                  |
| CA                 | 11.04                   | 11.64                   | 43.9                  | 43.5                  |
| US 3/              | 11.07                   | 11.52                   | 40.8                  | 40.3                  |

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX - Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY - Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT - Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.

## October Milk Production Down Slightly

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down slightly from October 2011. September revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,791 pounds for October, 1 pound above October 2011.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 10,000 head less than October 2011, and 8,000 head less than September 2012.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, October 2011-2012

| State          | Milk Cows 1/      |       | Milk Per Cow 2/ |       | Milk Production 2/    |        | Percent change<br>from 2011 |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
|                | 2011              | 2012  | 2011            | 2012  | 2011                  | 2012   |                             |
|                | <i>1,000 Head</i> |       | <i>Pounds</i>   |       | <i>Million Pounds</i> |        | <i>Percent</i>              |
| AZ             | 192               | 180   | 1,865           | 1,900 | 358                   | 342    | -4.5                        |
| CA             | 1,776             | 1,778 | 1,930           | 1,860 | 3,428                 | 3,307  | -3.5                        |
| CO             | 131               | 135   | 1,955           | 2,005 | 256                   | 271    | 5.9                         |
| FL             | 120               | 123   | 1,350           | 1,310 | 162                   | 161    | -0.6                        |
| ID             | 581               | 577   | 1,930           | 1,960 | 1,121                 | 1,131  | 0.9                         |
| IL             | 98                | 100   | 1,600           | 1,580 | 157                   | 158    | 0.6                         |
| IN             | 173               | 173   | 1,720           | 1,750 | 298                   | 303    | 1.7                         |
| IA             | 199               | 203   | 1,805           | 1,795 | 359                   | 364    | 1.4                         |
| KS             | 123               | 126   | 1,765           | 1,810 | 217                   | 228    | 5.1                         |
| MI             | 369               | 374   | 1,925           | 1,950 | 710                   | 729    | 2.7                         |
| MN             | 466               | 465   | 1,555           | 1,605 | 725                   | 746    | 2.9                         |
| MO             | 95                | 93    | 1,180           | 1,180 | 112                   | 110    | -1.8                        |
| NM             | 332               | 324   | 2,100           | 2,025 | 697                   | 656    | -5.9                        |
| NY             | 610               | 610   | 1,725           | 1,770 | 1,052                 | 1,080  | 2.7                         |
| OH             | 268               | 270   | 1,600           | 1,630 | 429                   | 440    | 2.6                         |
| OR             | 122               | 123   | 1,705           | 1,690 | 208                   | 208    |                             |
| PA             | 538               | 533   | 1,620           | 1,630 | 872                   | 869    | -0.3                        |
| TX             | 435               | 430   | 1,870           | 1,795 | 813                   | 772    | -5                          |
| UT             | 87                | 88    | 1,800           | 1,810 | 157                   | 159    | 1.3                         |
| VT             | 134               | 133   | 1,560           | 1,595 | 209                   | 212    | 1.4                         |
| VA             | 96                | 95    | 1,450           | 1,455 | 139                   | 138    | -0.7                        |
| WA             | 266               | 261   | 1,965           | 1,960 | 523                   | 512    | -2.1                        |
| WI             | 1,264             | 1,271 | 1,715           | 1,785 | 2,168                 | 2,269  | 4.7                         |
| 23-State Total | 8,475             | 8,465 | 1,790           | 1,791 | 15,170                | 15,165 |                             |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### November Farm Prices Received Index Down 6 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 203 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 6 points (2.9 percent) from October. The Crop Index is down 7 points (3.0 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.1 percent). Producers received lower prices for soybeans, corn, and apples and higher prices for broilers, eggs, and milk. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of corn, milk, cattle, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflowers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (10 percent) from November 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 188, decreased 8 points (4.1 percent) from last month but increased 16 points (9.3 percent) from November 2011.

### Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 217 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from October but 11 points (5.3 percent) above November 2011. Lower prices in November for concentrates, diesel, supplements, and gasoline offset higher prices for feeder pigs, mixed fertilizer, supplies, and complete feeds.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2011 and 2012 and November 2012

| Commodity      | Unit   | Arizona                   |                            |                         |
|----------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                |        | Nov-11<br>Entire<br>Month | Oct -12<br>Entire<br>Month | Nov-12<br>Mid-<br>Month |
| Upland Cotton  | \$ Lb  | <b>0.937</b>              | <b>0.770</b>               | <b>1/</b>               |
| Durum Wheat    | \$ Bu  | <b>1/</b>                 | <b>1/</b>                  | <b>1/</b>               |
| Alfalfa Hay 2/ | \$ Ton | <b>235.00</b>             | <b>190.00</b>              | <b>195.00</b>           |
| All Milk 3/    | \$ Cwt | <b>19.60</b>              | <b>20.40</b>               | <b>21.30</b>            |

  

| Commodity        | Unit   | United States |        |        |
|------------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| Upland Cotton    | \$ Lb  | 0.926         | 0.691  | 0.688  |
| Durum Wheat      | \$ Bu  | 10.30         | 7.61   | 8.11   |
| Alfalfa Hay 2/   | \$ Ton | 193.00        | 212.00 | 215.00 |
| Cows 4/          | \$ Cwt | 66.00         | 77.30  | 76.40  |
| Steers & Heifers | \$ Cwt | 126.00        | 127.00 | 129.00 |
| Beef Cattle 5/   | \$ Cwt | 120.00        | 123.00 | 123.00 |
| Calves           | \$ Cwt | 153.00        | 164.00 | 162.00 |
| All Milk 3/      | \$ Cwt | 20.50         | 21.50  | 22.10  |

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

|                     | 2011     | 2012    |           |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
|                     | November | October | September |
| Index 1990-92 = 100 |          |         |           |
| Prices Received     | 184      | 209     | 203       |
| Prices Paid         | 206      | 218     | 217       |
| Ratio 1/            | 89       | 96      | 94        |

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.